

VICTORIAN TREFOIL GUILD

Newsletter



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Our Trefoil Guilds:

Working quietly to serve the community and our youth members, and the underlying theme is always one of Fun, Fellowship, Food, Flexibility and Freedom

24th June 2022

Goodness me, where has June gone? My husband is delighted - we have passed the longest night and days will start getting longer.

Visits this month (20th) included a wonderful Jubilee luncheon with Kinta – photos further down. The fact that Jan and I got lost going home, all added to the adventure – a thoroughly good day! Kew – trams – no right turns – it was an adventure to say the least.

Thursday (23rd) saw us venture once more into Metro Melbourne – Box Hill where Jan and I enjoyed the company of Acacia – we got lost (again) going – the wrong end of Nelson Street, but no problems coming home. Thank you again, for the beautiful flower bouquets!!

Jill Livingston (STGA Elect) and I have met up with each other as part of the handover to Jill.

Also, there is still time to register for the Victorian Trefoil Guild Gathering, [register here](https://www.guidesvic.org.au/2022/03/25/trefoil-guild-gathering-2022/):

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News from the Guilds:

OUTER EASTERN TREFOIL GUILD - Kaye Lasa

On Monday 6 June our Guild hosted a morning get together with Acacia, Waverley and Wellington Trefoil Guilds. Thank goodness there was some heating in the hall but it was still very cold.

We invited Heather Barton along to talk to us about Project Umbrella. She explained why the Project came about, why it is needed to ensure our future. She also spoke about the GGV Strategy 2022-2027 document, which also included Our Priorities, which are Thriving People, Impactful Experiences and Sustainable Organisation. We had the opportunity to ask question and Heather encouraged us that if we know family members or other people with expertise in areas such as Fundraising, Communications. Technology, Finance - they may like to volunteer their time to the Project. Send their contact details to Heather and she will follow up with them. Keep an eye out in the Trefoil Guild Newsletter for updates. (update sent out today (25 June) to the Secretaries)

Thank you, Heather.



More about the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival – Cheryl Bertrand:
The Lady Nelson Golden Wattle Trefoil Guild travelled to Fish Creek to see the Tea Cosy Festival, held in the community hall and to meet with the Strzelecki Boomerang Trefoil Guild.

There were a great variety of cosies – some from Overseas and Interstate. The festival is very popular and is usually held every two years.

All age groups were represented – from the Fish Creek Junior School exhibit made from sticks and twigs attached to a large aluminium pot (those who have ever done catering for guide functions will recognize this) to many knitted in various colours, shapes and sizes (by both male and female knitters). My prize went for a knitted cat, which had a very malevolent expression.

We drove past the Guinness prize entry of the largest cosy, situated at the old railway station.

Lunch was at the Fish Creek Hotel – the Fishy; the large fish, which sits on top of the roof, was out for repairs. We had a meal inside while the fire kept out the cold rain. It was lovely to catch up with Linda Hall (Brown Owl) and the other ladies whom I haven't seen for some time.

Note: over 3000 visitors from across Gippsland, Melbourne and interstate visited the Festival. Using Facebook, if you search for Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival, you will find lots more photos..

Queen Elizabeth loves chocolate biscuit cake. It is the perfect mid-afternoon sweet treat.

This chocolate biscuit cake recipe is a no-cook cake made with mostly store cupboard essentials, including crushed biscuits, butter, sugar and cocoa powder with the addition of walnuts and raisins. The only fresh ingredients you'll need are butter and milk, so it's the ideal go-to treat. As this chocolate biscuit cake recipe is enough for 16 portions, it also makes it a great choice for parties, picnics and even a daily snack if you're feeling indulgent. You could make it healthier by swapping the full fat butter for a lower calorie option, full-fat milk for skim or a dairy-free alternative, and replacing the golden syrup with honey.

Ingredients:

- 125g (4oz) butter •60g (2oz) caster sugar •2 tbsp cocoa powder •2 tbsp golden syrup •2 tbsp milk •250g (8oz) arrowroot biscuit, or any plain biscuits like a digestive, or a mixture, roughly crushed (in a bag, bashing with a rolling pin) •60g (2oz) walnuts pieces, chopped •60g (2oz) raisins •1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract, optional •18cm (7in) square cake tin, lined with bakewell paper

Method •Put the butter, sugar, cocoa, syrup and milk in a pan and heat gently, stirring until melted together to make a chocolate sauce. •Add the crushed biscuits, walnuts, raisins and vanilla, if using, and press the mixture into the tin. Chill in the fridge until set firm. Cut into squares.

Tip for making chocolate biscuit cake: Drizzle melted white chocolate over the top for a finishing touch. Enjoy!

A BIG JUBILEE LUNCH (Jill Johnstone)



Kinta were thrilled that Sue Viney and Jan Gray would be our guests at Kinta's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch. The best cups saucers, plates and a tea cosy from Buckingham Palace were brought out of cupboards, tiaras or hats were worn, mostly bought at a \$2.00 shop, pearls, crowns, gloves, lots of brooches and Paddington Bear with his marmalade sandwich appeared. We had six members make their Trefoil Guild Promise, some having spent hours practising the present day Promise.



Much harder as you get older. 16 members were presented with Length of Membership Certificates from 5 years to 65 years with lovely letters from the State Commissioner and if more than 30 years of membership also from the Chief Commissioner. These were very much appreciated. The combined years of adult membership of these ladies was 750 years.

We even had a Royal Quiz. However 40 questions was a bit much for some and the scores were not



particularly high, despite collaboration.

All in all we had a great celebration to mark the wonderful service the Queen has given for the last 70 years and our good fortune in living through her reign.

Dolphin Trefoil Guild - Claire Elso

We had a very happy, relaxed day with our sister Guild Members and the Southern Peninsular Ukulele group. Great fun. We were also happy that Jan won our raffle. I will post more photos on the State FB page but I thought you might be cheered by Jan's and Lindsay's photo. Lindsay is such a meticulous and generous crafts lady and knitted the rug.

Information about the **Australian Trefoil Guild Good Turn: Hope in a Suitcase** -

<https://www.facebook.com/Hope.In.A.Suitcase.Victoria/>

Hope In A Suitcase aims to ensure every child entering out-of-home care receives a suitcase of their own belongings. We aim to empower these young children by planting a seed of self-worth, love, and hope.

Please see separate page for suggestions to go in the suitcase (note: this has been sent separately to the TG Secretaries). Drop off points can be found on their website. Once on the website, click on VICTORIA and you will see that information.

Also check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Hope.In.A.Suitcase.Victoria/>



Member of the Order of Australia: Carmel Stefanoff (STGA Western Australia): The message sent to Carmel by the ATGA Sharyn Smith Anderson: On behalf of Australian Trefoil Guild, I congratulate you, being honoured in the in Queens Birthday Honour List 2022 with the Member of the Order of Australia for your service to youth through Girl Guides.

Carmel you are well deserving of such an honour for the years and dedication you have given to Guiding.

I would like to thank you on behalf of the girls, Leaders and Trefoil Guild friends you have helped along the way through your Guiding journey.

I have also sent congratulations on behalf of Victorian Trefoil Guilds to Carmel – she is just such a lovely lady!

Trefoil Guild Merchandise:

For all your

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Australian Trefoil Guild Merchandise: Karen Moon: nanofaydan@aol.com mobile: 0409 019 511

From Karen Moon:

We have a small number of both the long and short sleeved ATG red rugby tops in stock that are being reduced in price to just \$25:00 each.

There are limited numbers in each size so its a matter of "first in best dressed" for anyone interested in bagging a bargain before the Gathering, or who just want to update their Trefoil Guild wear.

The rugby tops are exactly the same in appearance as the polo tops, with the main difference being the fabric having slightly less "give" or stretch to it than the polo tops.

email: nanofaydan@aol.com or Ph: 0409019511 The normal postage rates still apply.

Victorian Trefoil Guild Gathering 27/28th August



We are getting excited about the **Victorian Gathering / AGM**. There is still time to book your place. Jane has produced another flyer to you to peruse. Please note: If you cannot [log on to the website](#), we do have a hard copy registration form for you and which should be emailed into support@guidesvic.org.au or posted to the Docklands address

Mindset of a Leader Workshops in [Bairnsdale](#) and [Traralgon](#) 9 & 10 July

Leadership is not just a set of skills we acquire, it's also about the way we think and interact with our world. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) Leadership Model provides the building blocks for leadership development and personal growth. The workshops in [Bairnsdale 9 July](#) and [Traralgon 10 July](#) will introduce you to the model and share how to embed the 6 mindsets as you practise leadership in Guiding as well as your everyday life. The workshop is beneficial to anyone and everyone. The workshop will cover WAGGGS and Leadership, the meaning of leadership, introduction to the Six Mindsets, applying the mindsets in Guiding for life and tracking progress for personal growth.



From Margaret Littlehales, 11th Ballarat Guides

My friend, Mrs Joan McGowan, is turning 100 on 6th July this year. Joan has been a great supporter of Guiding in Ballarat all her life.

She joined 10th Ballarat (Scot's Church) Guides when she turned 11 yrs old and continued going to Guides even after she started working in an office. During World War II she ran a Cub Pack at Ballarat YMCA. After her marriage she joined Trefoil Guild and encouraged her children and grandchildren to join Guides and Scouts. Her daughter became a Queen's Guide, her son, a Sea Scout and her granddaughter gained her B-P Award and is now a very active Cub Leader in Upper Beaconsfield.

As far as we know, Joan is the oldest Guide in Ballarat. A few years ago, she visited Scot's Church Hall, where my unit meets, and told the girls where her patrol corner was in 1930's. She then told them about Guiding in her day. Our girls could not believe that a lady, who was soooooo old enjoyed doing the same things as they do.

Joan remained an active member of 1st Ballarat Trefoil Guild until it disbanded due to most members dying and the others becoming too old to continue. Joan was one of the younger ones! Her family have asked if she could receive a special message from Trefoil Guild as it was an important part of her life. She really enjoyed travelling overseas to various Trefoil Gatherings and to other meetings and conferences interstate, hence this email.



As she is in hospital at the moment, her address is: *Mrs Joan McGowan C/O Mr Jeff Stewart 10 Carnaby Way, Canadian Lakes 3350*



Ann McNamara

Passed away in Wangaratta on May 24th. She was a much loved member of our Ovens Valley Trefoil Guild. We were fortunate to have her at our last meeting, which was at the King River Cafe.

Ann was a Life Member beginning Guiding as a Leader at Whorouly 1960-1971

Divisional Commissioner Mt Buffalo 1973-79

Regional Commissioner of Baree 1983-1988

District Leader Whorouly 1991--1994

Assistant State Commissioner 1988-1993

A delightful lady who has Gone Home



Saturday 27 August to Sunday 28 August 2022

In Ballarat

The Victorian Trefoil Guild Gathering—An Update

*The program will all take place at the Mercure Hotel so very easy—
accommodation and sessions all in one place.*



Registering

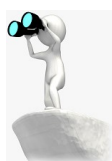
Thank you to everyone who has already booked. It will be wonderful to be together again after so long apart.

Bookings close at the end of July so please do register NOW.

If you are experiencing difficulties with registering a hard copy form is available for you to complete and send to Guide Centre.

Contact Sue Viney for a copy (Sue.Viney@guidesvic.org.au)

Please do not book accommodation direct with the Hotel—there are accommodation options listed when you register and just select the type of accommodation that you would like. Very easy!



Saturday Morning Program

Our local Guiding friends in Ballarat have kindly offered to organise some 'out and about' activities on Saturday morning in Ballarat itself and so Watch This Space for what is available.



Trading Tables

Many Guilds will have a Trading Table - if your Guild / Group would like one please contact Jane to reserve your table. (jmp@guidesvic.org.au)
This will mean a huge variety of items will be for sale. We want this to be fair for everyone so we know you will understand that we request NO raffles are run.



Banners

Our lovely Guild banners will be displayed all Gathering so remember to bring your Banner and also the stand for it.



Tori

Tori will be there and she is looking forward to having lots of other Toris there so do bring her some friends so we can have a huge Tori display.



Questions? Want more Info?

Contact Jane — jmp@guidesvic.org.au

Make sure you don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to get together

Book here:

<https://www.guidesvic.org.au/2022/03/25/trefoil-guild-gathering-2022/>